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Dear members,

2018 has been an outstanding year for the association; it has been packed with highlights and good news. Magazine publishers know the power of community. No publishing organization today can thrive without a deep community to sustain and inspire them. MagsBC this year has experienced rich community.

We proudly welcomed eleven new members to the association, representing a diversity of publishing interests and also a passion for their communities. We hosted a series of professional development events, including our MagsWest conference, with enthusiastic attendance and thought-provoking presenters.

We took several steps to grow the health of the organization and its member this year. We are in better financial shape than we have been for years. We retired several significant debts this year, and have benefited immensely from more stable grant funding. We also continue our work to reinforce and build a safer, healthier industry with our work on inclusivity. A new test we set ourselves this year was a discussion on anti-harassment initiatives, in response to several disturbing events in our community.

Publishing is hard, sometimes impossible, work. For many, it is a labour of love. When we have worked together to advocate for change, the change has come. Sometimes quickly, sometimes painfully, but it has always arrived. As I depart the association this year, I thank you all for your friendship. Your commitment to the association is the only thing that makes MagsBC possible.

Warmly,

Jane

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